

US agencies oppose review of 3M v LePage's

The US Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice say the Supreme Court should leave the controversial 3M v LePage's case unreviewed.

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They have submitted a briefing saying that the Third Circuit's ruling in the matter should be allowed to stand. LePage's was awarded US\$68.4 million in treble damages in 1999. This decision, based on 3M's practise of offering loyalty rebates, was upheld by the Third Circuit in 2003.

Advising LePage's is Mark W Ryan of Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw. He is assisted by partners Donald M Falk, Andrew J Pincus, and associate Robert L Bronston. Partners Barbara Mather and Jeremy Heep of Pepper Hamilton in Philadelphia, Peter Hearn of Peter Hearn PC and Roy T Englert Jr of Robbins, Russell, Englert, Orseck & Untereiner in Washington also work on the case.

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